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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-26 and 77-86 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12 and 14-26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,13 and 77-86 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 3, 13, 77-79, 81-85 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Subbiah et al U.S. Patent Number 6,538,992.

Re Claims 1, 3, 13, 77, fig. 1 teaches an ATM node apparatus has VC connection between adjacent ATM node apparatus for transferring packets and assembled (dividing the packet into cells) by AAL2 in 100. Fig. 1 further teaches that the routing and network addressing function are performed in the network layer (See col. 1, lines 49-53), the networking layer inherently includes a routing table to determine the destination of the routing packet. Fig. 1 further includes a ANP table (a quality description table), plurality of QoS queues (a plurality of output queues), and output queue 110 (an output control section) for performing the read out from the QoS queues so as to achieve a quality set (See col. 7, lines 45 +) for each output queue controlled by multilevel QoS service module 100 (a header processing section). Fig. 3 further teaches that the incoming packets are determined by the network layer and inserted

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into the QoS queue wherein the network layer functions to process the header of the packet to determine QoS level by searching the ANP table and later read out to 110.

Re Claims 78, 84, refer to Claim 77, wherein the packet is transmitted over VC in accordance with QoS parameter.

Re Claims 79, 81, 82, 85, refer to Claim 77, wherein the packet includes a destination address.

Re Claim 83, refer to Claim 77, wherein the adjacent node receives a packet as a plurality of ATM cells.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 80, 86 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Subbiah et al U.S. Patent Number 6,538,992.

Re Claims 80, 86 refer to Claim 79, as '992 patent teaches that the network layer functions to perform routing and network addressing, '992 fails to explicitly teach that the routing table includes parameters associated with TCP/IP protocol header information. However, one skilled in the art would have been motivated to provide TCP/IP over ATM to facilitate QoS functions, wherein the TCP/IP stack includes the "the second portion of the header includes".

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3, 13 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 4-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In combination with claims 1 and 4; 3 and 5, prior art fails to teach the contents of the routing table as claimed.

7. Claims 12 and 14-26 are allowed.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-3130. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30AM to 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on 571-272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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